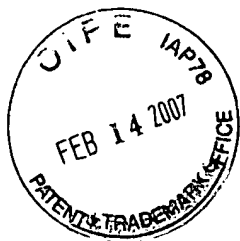


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Enclosed **for filing** in the above-referenced patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Response to Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. §371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (2 pp);
2. Copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. §371 mailed December 28, 2006 (2 pp);
3. Executed Declaration (5 pp);
4. Credit Card Payment form in the amount of \$65.00 (1 pg); and
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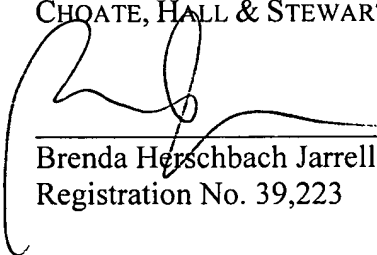
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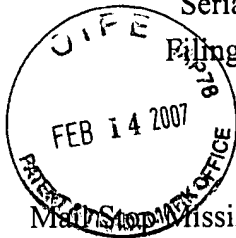
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1. The Notice States that an Oath or Declaration identifying the application by the Application Number and Filing Date is missing.

Enclosed please find an Executed Declaration identifying 10/577,341 filed April 28, 2006 (16 pp);

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Enclosed please find a Credit Card Form (1 pg) authorizing the required payment due for a small entity in Compliance with 37 CFR 1.27.

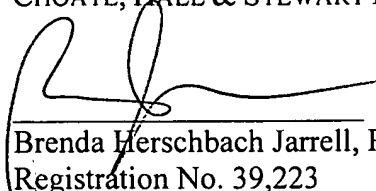
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- ✓ • Indication of Small Entity Status
- ✓ • Copy of the International Application filed on 04/28/2006
- ✓ • Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/28/2006
- ✓ • Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/28/2006
- ✓ • U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/28/2006
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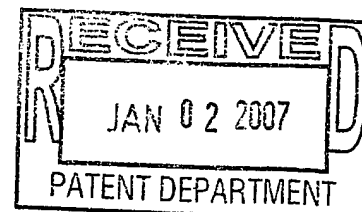
The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

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- ✓ • To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

- ✓ • \$65 Surcharge.



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